

T-955  
The Oxford Bank  
Oxford  
Private

1916

The brick construction and neoclassical design of the former Oxford Bank distinguish it among the surviving structures that define the town's commercial district. Tuscan columns flank the distinctive double door entrance and support a wooden pediment that frames a large, round arched entrance transom. The transom, itself, is a defining element with its beautiful leaded glass window. Also unusual to the property is the early twentieth-century metal fence that stretches along South Morris Street in front of the building. Fixed on a lower rail of the gate is the shield-shaped maker's plaque, which is embossed with "The Stewart Iron Works, Cincinnati, Ohio."

Construction of the bank building is documented by a short article written in the July 22, 1916 issue of the *Easton Star-Democrat*, which stated

*The Oxford Bank has begun work on its new banking house to be erected on its town lot adjoining Fraternal Hall. The building will be of brick [and] concrete. Frank Ross, of Easton, is the architect and J.P.A. Elliott, of Oxford, the builder. The building when completed will be one of Oxford's principal improvements this year.*

The Oxford Bank served the community until its doors closed during the mid 1930s when the property was sold in the wake of an equity case between the State of Maryland and the Oxford Bank. Since that time, the building has been used for a number of different purposes including the town post office.

## MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: The Oxford Bank

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: T-955

### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s):      Architecture  
   Commerce
  
2. Geographic Orientation:      Eastern Shore
  
3. Chronological/Development Period(s):      Industrial/Urban Dominance  
   1870-1930
  
4. Resource Type(s):      Bank

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

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## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic The Oxford Bank

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number South Morris Street not for publication

city, town Oxford vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>X</u> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture	<u>  </u> museum
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>X</u> commercial	<u>  </u> park
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational	<u>  </u> private residence
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment	<u>  </u> religious
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>X</u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government	<u>  </u> scientific
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial	<u>  </u> transportation
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u>  </u> no	<u>  </u> military	<u>  </u> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Fred T. and Jacqueline Webb

street & number 25 Potter Street telephone no.:

city, town Haddonfield state and zip code New Jersey

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 819

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 791

city, town Easton state MD 21601

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date    federal    state    county    local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. T-955

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Oxford Bank is an early 20th century single-story brick building that stands on the west side of South Morris Street in the center of Oxford, Talbot County, Maryland. The single-story, gable-front bank building faces east.

Built in 1916, the single-story, rectangular brick building is laid in stretcher bond atop a poured concrete foundation. The stretcher bond brick walls, laid with recessed mortar joints, rise to a parapet that disguises the low pitched gable or flat roof. The brick walls are painted grey.

The east (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a prominent double-door entrance defined by a large round arched door opening flanked by projecting Tuscan columns that rise to a neoclassical pediment. The partially glazed double front doors are topped by a round arched, leaded glass transom window. The transom window is accented by a soldier arch fitted with a center keystone. Extending from the cornice level is an entablature that stretches to the outside corners of the building, and it is visually supported by flat brick pilasters.

The south side is three bays across defined by four brick pilasters. Centered in the east bay is a single-pane sash window topped by a segmental arch. The other two bays are filled with door openings, and a handicapped ramp has been erected to serve the center door.

The north side of the bank building is three bays as well, and four brick pilasters define the intervals. Single-pane sash windows pierce the north wall.

The interior has been reworked over the years to serve a variety of commercial purposes.

Located along the front edge of the property is an early 20th century iron fence that retains its original gate. A shield-shaped maker's plate is fixed on a lower bar, and it is embossed "The Stewart Iron Works, Cincinnati, Ohio."

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<sup>2</sup> Talbot County Land Record, TFJ 240/342, 6 November 1937.

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## PS-2746

T-955  
The Oxford Bank  
South Morris Street  
Oxford, Talbot County, Maryland  
Chain of title

Map 400, Parcel 705

819/791 Diane G. Schulte

to

1/17/1996 Fred T. and Jacqueline Webb

Property described on a plat entitled: Survey Plat of the  
land of Muriel Grymes Blumenthal in the Town of  
Oxford, dated 8/1984, JTB 63/39

JTB 590/310 Muriel Grymes Blumenthal (formerly Muriel Saltsonstall  
Grymes)

to

8/20/1984 Diane G. Schulte

JTB 359/296 Arthur J. Grymes

to

10/1/1959 Muriel Saltonstall Grymes

Parcel A: All those two contiguous lots..commonly known as  
the Post Office property

TJF 240/342 Warren F. Sterling, Receiver of the Oxford Bank

to

11/6/1937 Arthur J. Grymes, Jr. \$1,750.00

Public Sale 8/21/1937, Equity Case, State of Maryland vs.  
The Oxford Bank

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The Oxford Bank  
South Morris Street  
Oxford, Talbot County, Maryland  
Chain of title continued

CBL 172/240

William D. Nichols

to

1/3/1916

The Oxford Bank

Beginning at the southwest corner of the Town Hall lot



*Easton Star-Democrat*, 22 July 1916

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Sanborn-Perris Map Company  
Oxford, 1919





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Sanborn-Perris Map Company  
Oxford, 1927

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The Oxford Bank  
Oxford, Talbot County, Maryland

Oxford, Maryland Quadrangle  
1942





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Top Oxford Bank

Oxford, Fairfax County, MD

NORTHEAST ELEVATION

4/98, Paul Tonahill, PHOTOGRAPHED  
NEB. / MD. HISTORICAL TRUST

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Tire Office Bank

Oxford, Thibault County, Mo.

EAST ELEVATION

4/99, Paul Fouard, Photographer

NE 1/4 and 1/2 Section 15

2 or 4





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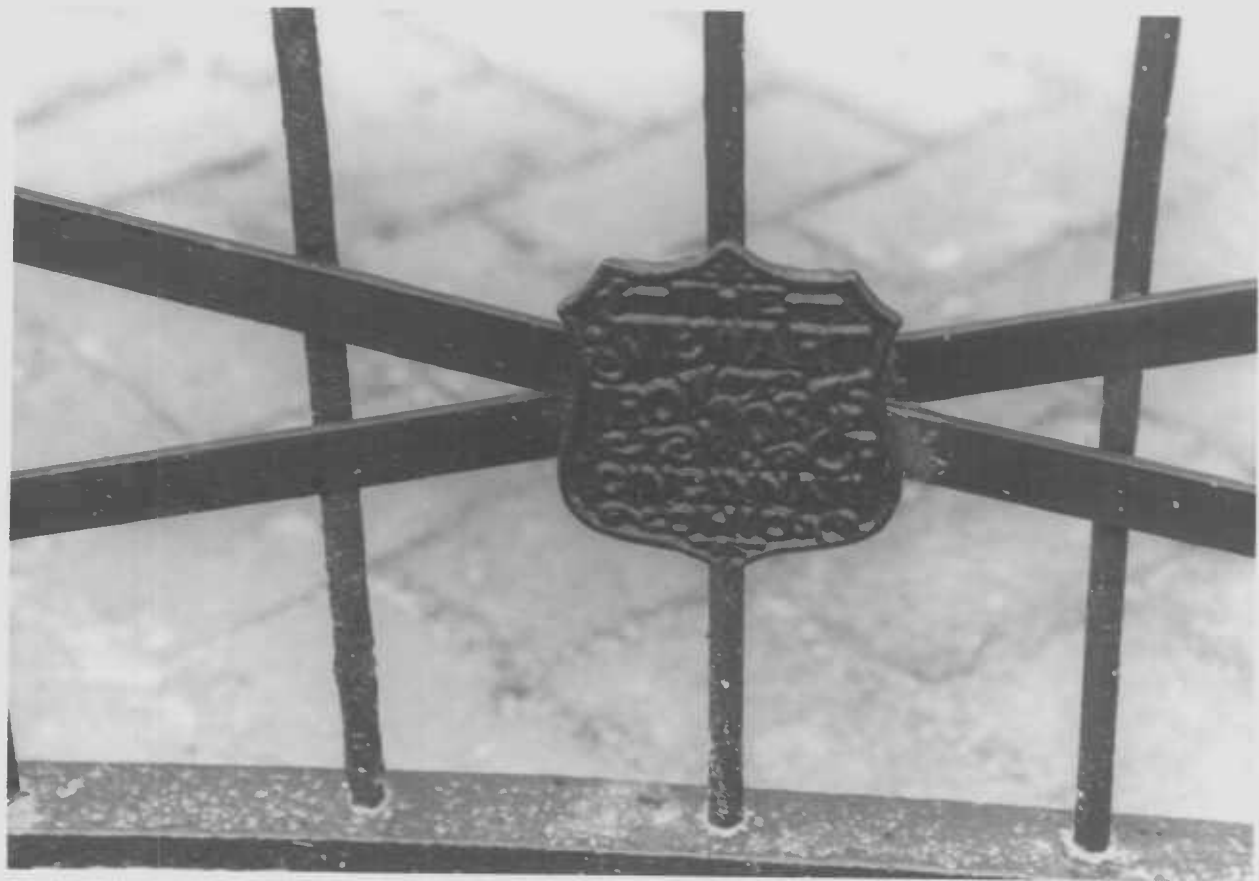
OXFORD, TALBOT COUNTY, MD.

IRON FENCE. STEWART IRON WORKS

4/98, PAUL TOWNSET, PHOTOGRAPHED

NO. 1 AND HENRIETTA TRAIL

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OXFORD, TALBOT Co., MD  
Mather Museum, Stewart Iron Works

4/98, Paul Tarrant, Photographer

Near Paul Tarrant's Trust

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